

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("Notice") dated October 1, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the Amendments to the Claims be entered and the remarks filed on September 22, 2003 be considered.

At the outset, Applicants respectfully submit that no additional fee is required for this Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. The non-compliant amendment filed on September 22, 2003 was in response to a Non-Final Office Action. Accordingly, a petition for extension of time is not necessary and does not accompany the present Response.

As directed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the text of the withdrawn claims has been added. In addition, pursuant to the Notice, the "Amendments to the Claims" are included in this response, but not the prior filed "Remarks." Applicants respectfully submit that this section is now in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (See 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, June 30, 2003). Please consider the above-mentioned "Amendments to the Claims" in conjunction with the "Remarks" section of Applicants' response filed on September 22, 2003.

Allowance of the application with claims 2-5, 8, 10-12, and 42-47 is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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